

Amendments to the Specification:

1) Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 14-32, with the following replacement paragraph:

--The primary-priority media release device 160 is configured to selectively block media (M2) in the priority feed tray 108 from being released to the priority media feed mechanism 142, and admit media (M2) in the priority feed tray 108 to the priority media feed mechanism 142. This is illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, which are enlarged detail diagrams of the primary feed tray 108, the priority feed tray 116, and the media feed area 130 depicted in Fig. 3. With respect to Fig. 4, the priority media release device 160 comprises a priority media release member 164 which is shown in a first position wherein the release member 164 blocks media M2 in the priority feed tray 116 from being released to the priority media feed mechanism 142. Turning briefly to Fig. 5, it can be seen that the priority media release member 164 is moveable from the first position of Fig. 4 to a second position depicted in Fig. 5. In the second position the priority media release member 164 admits media (M2) in the priority feed tray 116 to the priority media feed mechanism (feed roller 142). Thus, if the feed roller 142 is actuated but the priority media M2 is in the first position (Fig. 4), the priority media M2 will not presented to the primary feed roller 142, and thus cannot be fed into the secondary feed rollers 148. However, if the media M2 has been released by the media release member 164 (as in Fig. 5), then the feed roller 142 can engage the media M2, and move it past guide 146 and into the secondary feed rollers 148, where the media can then be moved into the imaging section (not shown).--

2) Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 14-27, with the following replacement paragraph:

--Turning to Fig. 8, yet another alternate configuration of a priority media release device 360 is depicted in plan view. The priority media release device 360 comprises a plurality of priority media release members 364 which are supported on a common support bar 365. Support bar 365 is connected to main body member 362, which can be a cylindrical shaft. The main body member 362 is in turn supported within the actuator 366, which can be a linear solenoid. The actuator 36 can thus selectively (and collectively) move the media release members 364 from a first position (indicated by solid lines) to a second position (indicated by dashed lines and numbered as 364A). In the first position, the release members 364 can block media in the priority feed tray (116, Fig. 4) from being released to the priority media feed mechanism (142, Fig. 4). In the second position, the media release members 364A can admit media in the priority feed tray to the priority media feed mechanism (as in Fig. 5). The use of a plurality of release members 364 can accommodate the situation where the media in the priority tray 116 is very narrow, or is offset from the center of the media tray 116.--

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3) Please replace the paragraph at page 24, lines 2-10 (i.e., the Abstract), with the following replacement paragraph:

-- An imaging apparatus has a primary media tray, a priority media feed tray, and a media feed mechanism configured to extract media from the priority feed tray and the primary media feed tray. The imaging apparatus further includes a priority media release device configured to selectively block media in the priority feed tray from being released to the media feed mechanism, and admit media in the priority feed tray to the priority media feed mechanism. In one configuration the priority media release device has a priority media release member selectively moveable from a first position to block media in the priority feed tray from the media feed mechanism, to a second position to admit media in the priority feed tray to the media feed mechanism.--

(End of amendments to the Specification.)

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